11. Nominated seats in Village Panchayats.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—What is the next resolution?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I will slightly modify the resolution with your leave.

I move that "*this Council recommends that in all Village Panchayats at least one of the nominated seats be reserved for the so-called depressed or backward classes as defined in the Education Code.*"

Deputy President.—I allow the modification.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—At last one and not one-third for in some Panchayats there will be only two.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The resolution speaks for itself and no speech is necessary on it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it. The proposition is that one of the nominated members at least should be of the backward and depressed classes as defined in *the Education Code*. We only ask for one seat to be given them.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Backward and depressed or backward or depressed?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—One of these classes. One man must get.

The proposition will be one of the nominated Panchayat members at least should be of the backward and depressed classes as defined in *the Education Code*.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Depressed and backward classes! It may mean that they should be both backward and depressed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Backward or depressed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Has the Government accepted?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is noted for consideration.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Do you accept our proposition, Sir? If not, we may put it to the votes.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is noted. It will be noted when the rules are taken for revision.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then we want a division, Sir. Government does not accept it.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Nor do we oppose it. That may be recorded.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That will be placed in the Proceedings. The result will also be in the Proceedings.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Practically the same.

The following amendments were not moved and hence were considered withdrawn;—

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Mr. T. K. Nayar.—*Delete the word "all" after "in" and "village" and add in the end after "classes" the words "wherever possible."*

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja – *Omit "at least one—third of the'; omit "the so-called depressed' and substitute "all unrepresented".*

Deputy President.—Let me put the question to the vote, *that "this Council recommends that in all Village Panchayats at least one of the nominated seats be reserved for the so-called backward or depressed classes as defined in the Education Code".*

(*Question put and agreed to.*)

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is all what we want. Whether you accept it or not, it is immaterial.

The House rose for the day at 5. p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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